

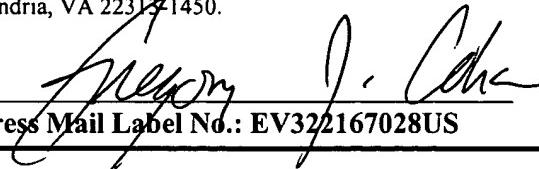
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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

Sole Inventor (or application identifier): Otto J. Volker et al.

Title of Invention: RECLINING VEHICLE SEAT HINGE ASSEMBLY

1. Specification 25 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 7 claims (3 independent)
2. An Unsigned Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
 - attached in the regular manner.
 - NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. This Application has 7 distinct sheets of Formal Informal Drawings
4. Preliminary Amendment.
5. Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form 1449
 - A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

| Country | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) |
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8. Priority document(s).
9. Small Entity Status is being hereby claimed.

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10. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
 Computer Readable Copy.
 Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
 Statement verifying identity of above copies.

11. Calculation of Fees:

| FEES FOR | EXCESS CLAIMS | FEE | AMOUNT DUE |
|--|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a)) | | | \$750.00 |
| Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | 0 | 18.00 | 00 |
| Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)) | 0 | 84.00 | 00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)) | 0 | 280.00 | 00 |
| Subtotal - Filing Fee Due | | | \$750.00 |
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| Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) | 0.50 | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE DUE | | | \$0.00 |
| Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) | | 40.00 | \$0.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL DUE | | | \$750.00 |

12. PAYMENT is:

- The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)

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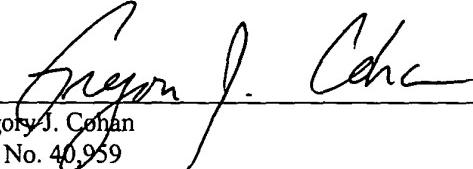
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14. Other: Application Data Sheet

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